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IN-PERSON: Doors open at 6:00 p.m., meeting starts 7 p.m., at the Rockwood Public Library (inside Eramosa Community Centre) at 85 Christie Street (near corner Christie Street and Main Street North Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, On. NoB 2Ko.

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Apr. 6, 2022: IN-PERSON ONLY Ron Cheek presents "Fun with Cash" -140 old Chinese coins dug up in Java



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SWCS IS BACK "IN-PERSON"!

With the pandemic causing us to cancel five shows in a row, and being unable to hold in-person meetings with draws and auctions until our April 2022 meeting, we will be holding a toned down 25th Silver Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, after our show held at

the McCrae Memorial Royal Canadian Legion branch. This will not be a lavish event held at Mandarin Restaurant like our 20th, but we will still recognize our success of the past 25 years. Stay tuned for more information later this spring-or early-summer.



As well, we have permission to resume our in-person meetings in the Seniors Room at the Rockwood Library (Rockmosa Park). We will be resuming for our April 6th meeting which is likely to be only in-person. Scott is visiting the premises late-March to get new key fobs and the wi-fi code, and see how the room may have changed since two years ago. It's possible he'll hold a hybrid (zoom + in-person) meeting for April, but we cannot guarantee this. We have Ron Cheek coming to give a presentation "Fun with Cash" - 140 old Chinese coins dug up in Java.

Lowell Wierstra will hold an auction too, but warns that with two years gone by of inactivity, listings are slim pickin's. See the Auction List included with this issue.

For our May meeting and going forward, we expect to combine in-person and zoom for our meetings.

Currently the township has confirmed attendees will no longer need to show vaccination certificates, however, they

may have a staff person checking people as they come in to ensure they are not sick, and masks may still be required. The government has indicated they expect the mask mandate for meeting rooms to be lifted in late April 2022, so likely masks will not be required for our May meeting.

CLUB EDUCATION

<u>Speakers</u>: We are in need of speakers and topics commencing with our July 6, 2022 meeting. We want to avoid the repetition of speakers' topics of clubs located in close proximity of our club, so folks don't avoid coming out to our meeting due to a repeat topic. We are hoping to have more original presentations from our own members rather than attempting to seek speakers who have to travel a distance to present.

Your presentation doesn't need to be fancy, you can just come and speak and hold up items in reference to your topic. Please reach out to Scott and sign up for one of these 2022 dates:

- April 6: Ron Cheek presents "Fun with Cash" 140 old Chinese coins dug up in Java.
- May 4: Michael Souza presents The History of the Bank of Vancouver
- June 1: (Annual Pizza Night): Lance Tribble presents 25 Years of the Toonie
- July 6: why don't you volunteer?
- August 3: why don't you volunteer?
- September 7: why don't you volunteer?
- October 5: why don't you volunteer?
- November 2: why don't you volunteer?
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FALL SHOW STILL ON

NOT MAKING CENTS

by David Carpenter, SWCS Member

[Images in this article are courtesy of Numista Canada www.numista.com, unless otherwise noted.]

At some point, every collector's inventory gets so large that it's impossible to remember every item, and you run the risk of accidentally buying duplicates. A list of your collection becomes indispensable, and let's face it, for many collectors updating the list is part of the fun.

I ran into an interesting conundrum while compiling a spreadsheet of my world coins: While just about every modern country divides their currency into 100 sub-units (cents, pence and the like), many historical currencies used odd and unusual numbering systems. This means that "0.25" is a meaningful way to represent a quarter in my list, but what about a British penny, at 1/240th of a pound? Or a farthing that is worth 1/4th of a British penny? Then I discovered 1/3rd farthing coins from as late as 1913, and the zoo of non-decimal coins started to make my head hurt.



Top row to bottom, left to right (all circulation coins, England): QEII-1st Portrait Penny 1964 (Iggy2k, Numista), QEII-1st Portrait One Half Penny 1953, QEII-1st Portrait Farthing 1955 (radrick007, Numista), and Geo.V-Colonial One Third Farthing 1913 (gdch6ng, Numista).

One-hundred cents to the dollar seems so obvious, it's easy to forget it wasn't always this way. Undoubtedly it's become the standard way to subdivide money, as nearly all world currencies have adopted it. Russia was the first country in modern times to decimalize when it adopted 100 kopeks to the rouble in 1704. The United States adopted 100 cents to the dollar in 1765, followed shortly after by France in 1795, dividing the franc into 100 centimes.

Canada has been decimalized for as long as we've had our own currency, excepting earlier bank and private token money. And as of 2022, there are only two official currencies that are either not decimalized or not subdivided at all.

The first is Madagascar's ariary, subdivided into five iraimbilanja. The iraimbilanja was issued equivalent to one of the country's earlier colonial francs, and was minted between 1965 and 2002. It is now reportedly no longer in use, being valued at less than one one-hundredth of a Canadian cent.





Madagascar Iraimbilania 1987 (Essor Prof. Numista) †

The second contemporary non-decimal currency is from the northwestern African country Mauritania, which divides its ouguiya into five khoums. The khoum was issued as a coin at the currency's inception in 1973. In 2018 the ouguiya was re-denominated at 10-old to 1-new, and the new khoum was again issued as a 2017 coin, although at this writing it is worth less than one Canadian cent.

Left to right: Mauritania Khoum 1973 (Essor Prof, Numista), and Mauritania Khoum 2017 (David Mikeladze, Numista). →









But before the rest of the world embraced decimalization, many interesting currency systems were the norm. The *Krause Standard Catalog of World Coins* lists dozens of them. Some sort of make sense, as if they were designed with ease of use in mind. Egypt's 40 paras to the qirsh of the early 1800s, or Portugal's 20 copper reis to one silver vinten and 24 vintens to one gold escudo are good examples. You can imagine making change with these denominations pretty easily.

Others, not so much: Cyprus under the British Empire in 1879 used nine piastres to the shilling and Britain's usual 20 shillings to the pound. Why nine? The piastre at the time was equal to 10 Greek para, so nine piastres was probably just the prevailing exchange rate to the existing British shilling, while still convenient for exchange with Greece.





Victoria—Cyprus Piastre 1887 [Image courtesy of Heritage Auctions www.ha.com.] →

Even stranger counts exist in other systems, like Algeria's 29 copper asper to two kharuba, two kharuba to the silver munzuna, 8 munzuna to the silver batlaka, and 3 batlaka to the silver budju. Their gold sultani was officially worth 108 munzuna, but in practice varied with the silver-gold exchange rate. These were used from 1802-1847.

Odd conversions like 29 and 108 are sometimes due to the prevailing relative value of different precious metals. And we see this throughout history, wherever multiple metals were being used concurrently.

Back in 200 BCE, the Romans used a bronze coin called the "as" and a silver "denarius", with a convenient standard of 10 asses to the denarius. By 141 BCE though, a revaluation had taken place, and 16 asses to the denarius was used instead. Still later, Augustus, who became the first emperor of Rome in 31 BCE, reformed the system again such that one gold aureus equaled 25 silver denarii, and one silver denarius again equaled 16 new bronze asses.

All this is to say that fixed conversions didn't tend to last indefinitely. Using different precious metals in the same money system complicated matters, because supply and trade would cause the scarcity of each metal to change. This altered the effective exchange rate between them, regardless of the intended "official" exchange rate. Another common practice in many countries was to occasionally "de-base" a silver coin by "watering it down" with less silver and more base metal content in order to turn a profit or stretch government resources. But debasing would tend to make the coins less valuable with respect to other metals and to other countries' own silver coins. These factors are the main reasons that odd divisions of currencies came about.

This brings me to something about UK currency that I had never understood: Why on earth was a "guinea" worth 21 shillings when there were 20 shillings to a pound? It turns out that the guinea was originally a gold coin (made from gold in western Africa's Guinea region) worth 20 shillings when issued during the reign of Charles II in 1663, but scarcity of

gold and debasing of the shilling made that conversion fluctuate, reaching 30 shillings in 1694! A new higher silver content shilling brought the guinea closer to 21 shillings, where it was officially pegged in 1698. Though last struck in 1814, the guinea continued to be used as an accounting amount, and is still used today after Britain's decimalization with a value of £1.05.



England Guinea 1680 [Image courtesy of Heritage Auctions www.ha.com.] →

I suspect that this might be the inspiration for J.K. Rowling's amusing wizard currency in the *Harry Potter* books, of 29 bronze knuts to the silver sickle and 17 sickles to the gold galleon. *That* would be a mind-numbing accounting system to use.

Concurrent use of different metals has resulted in some of the odd coin sizing we have today. Why is the Canadian 10-cent coin so much smaller than the five cent coin? If you grew up knowing that the ten was made of silver and the larger five of nickel, a less valuable metal, then it sort of makes sense. Our one cent "copper penny" coin, no longer in circulation, was larger than the 10 and smaller than the five. Today when everything in circulation is made of steel and base metals, it seems arbitrary and must be confusing to visitors to our country. (I should point out that prior to 1922, Canadians had a silver five-cent coin even smaller than today's dime, commonly called a "fish scale," so the sizing perhaps made more sense originally. That said, we also had large cents minted until 1920 that were even bigger than our 25 cent coin.



1973 Canada Large Bust Variety Proof Like 6-Coin Set: The coins are sealed inside a transparent plastic film and presented in a keepsake envelope. Each set contains penny, nickel, dime, twenty-five cent, fifty-cent and dollar coins. The 25ct in this set is the rare Large Bust Variety. The Large Bust Variety of this set retails for about \$300CAD whereas the Small Bust Variety retails for only \$8-\$9CAD. [Image courtesy of Colonial Acres Coins "CAC" www.colonialacres.com/.]



South of the border, a similar 10, 1, 5 cent size progression still exists, and Americans also have half-dollars that are larger than both dollars and quarter dollars. The Eurozone put some thought into their 1999 coinage by issuing 1, 2 and 5 cent copper-clad coins increasing in size by value, followed by a distinctly different set of brass 10, 20 and 50 cent coins also sized by value, and ending with two bi-metallic types, the 1 Euro and larger 2 Euro coins.

2020 Austria Euro 8-coin Set. [Images courtesy of Münze Österreich (Austrian Mint).] \rightarrow



Finally getting back to the list of coins in my collection, the simple device of listing values with a convenient separator solves the problem quite nicely, as long as I don't get confused about which unit is the smallest. For example, I can list a one dollar coin as "1:00" and a quarter dollar as "0:25", which will sort alphabetically in order of increasing value. For a British shilling, this can be "0:01:00.0" while the tuppence is "0:00:02.0" and the farthing "0:00:00.25". Here I'm using the colon separator for pounds:shillings:pence, with a decimal to remind me that the "pence" are sub-divided into farthings, since it seems natural to consider pence as the lowest unit of account and the farthing to be a fractional penny. That pesky 1/3rd farthing can be represented as "0:00:00.08" (a third of .25) to sort properly.

This system also works for India under British rule, where they used four copper pice to the copper anna, 16 annas to the silver rupee and 15 rupees to the gold mohur. My 1/4 anna coin is then "0:00:00:1", and although it could be misread as a one pice coin, no such coin was issued in India during British rule.

Left to right: India Quarter Anna 1862 (Joseph Kunnappally, Numista), and India Mohur 1889 [Image courtesy of Heritage Auctions www.ha.com.].









Is it presumptuous to leave a digit for possible mohur use in my list? That I might one day add a gorgeous golden mohur to my collection? Valued in the neighbourhood of \$5000, it might not make cents, but I'll do it anyway. Pun intended.

Pot of Gold

A Rabbi, a Priest, and an Imam were walking down a deserted road when the trio stumbled upon a pot filled with gold coins. After a few moments they all agreed that being men of God, they can't take all the gold for themselves. They have

to give something back to God. The Priest said, "I'm going to draw a square on the ground and throw the pot high in the air. Whatever falls inside the square is mine to take, whatever falls outside is God's." Next Imam said, "I'm going to draw a circle on the ground and throw the pot high in the air. Whatever falls inside the circle is God's and whatever falls outside is mine to keep." After a few seconds the Rabbi said, "I'm going to draw an equilateral triangle on the ground, then I will throw the pot in the air. Whatever God keeps is his, and whatever falls back is mine to keep."



Upcoming Events

Before venturing out to any numismatic event, please check https://canadiancoinnews.com/events/ for any cancellations or COVID restrictions or visit the event host's website. During these uncertain pandemic times, events are often cancelled within days of the event.



Spring 2022 Toronto Coin Expo (Toronto Reference Library) Apr 29-30, 2022 (10AM-5PM EST—both days) - Admission \$6 (kids under 16 are free), at Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St., Toronto, M4W 2G8, visit http://www.torontocoinexpo.ca for more details including auction, seminar, and kids events. Contact Jared Stapleton phone (647) 403-7334, email torontocoinexpo@gmail.com.

Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA) 2022 Convention moved from Apr. 9-10, to Sep. 9-10. They have extended the deadline for convention medal designs, award nominations, and Club of the Year submissions to June 1st, 2022.

Regina Coin Club Cash & Gab: Starts 7pm (Central Standard Time—Sask. time) and goes to 10pm (or whenever people run out of things to talk about). First Friday of each month (excluding July-August): 2022 Schedule: Apr. 1st, May 6th, Jun. 3rd, Sep. 2nd, Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th, and December date to be advised. Join Zoom meeting: https://us 0 2 web.zoom.us/j82110306587pwd=NWtwSVIDRDZRY2ITSnk1QitNb0hGdz09Meeting ID: 821 1030 6587 Passcode: 155623 Any questions or assistance needed, contact Troy A.M. Zimmer. RCC Secretary, at reginacoinclub@gmail.com.

Ontario Numismatic Association's Speakeasy: Every month on the first Monday (until July 4th, 2022) at 7PM (Eastern Standard Time-Ontario time). 2022 Schedule: Apr 4th, May 2nd, Jun 6th, and Jul 4th). Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95877431724? pwd=dWtDMmFVYIR1SjNTMzVtalZxTVpDQT09 Meeting ID: 95877431724 Passcode: 382388 ZOOM-Dial by your location: Canada—204 272 7920, 438

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Waterloo Coin Society Coffee House: Join the WCS Coffee House on the fourth Wednesday of the month. It's free and fun! ↓





The Newman Numismatic Portal (NNP) Symposium sponsored by the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society is set for spring 2022 is Apr. 8-10. This virtual event is FREE to attend the 28-32 educational segments spread out over 3-days.

To register to attend the seminars, go to https://nnpsymposium.org/. So far (as of Mar. 9, 2022) there are a dozen seminars booked, and NNP is calling for more individuals to present a numismatic topic. You are invited to register as a presenter by going to https://nnpsymposium.org/for-presenters. This event covers worldwide numismatics and literature, not just USA.

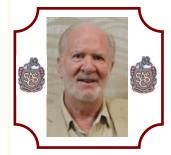
Seminars booked so far include: 5 under U.S. Coins-Tokens; 3 under World & Ancient Coins; 2 under The Numismatic Industry; 1 under Exonumia; and 1 under Books. A couple that jumped out as very interesting are: The Tragedy of the SS Japan and 1874 CC/S Trade Dollars, and 19th and 20th Century Ottoman Pocket Balances.

50th Anniversary of Medal of Bravery



This is the 1972-2022 Cdn. 1 oz .999 silver 20 DOLLARS coin (31.39g, 38mm, serrated edge, RCM mintage 6000, desg. obv. Susanna Blunt, rev Jason Sikook). Nearly 3,300 valiant souls have been honoured in 50 years.

Scott is a Terrific Historian



In April 2022 the South Wellington Coin Society will celebrate 25 years as a numismatic organization. It is **Scott E. Douglas's** intention to publish his new officially-titled book "A *Numismatic Journey Through Wellington County*" in celebration of this event. Additionally, with the next SWCS *Wellington Circular* newsletter, Scott intends to relaunch a NEW SERIES of his *Did You Know (DYK)* articles. He previous published two books of *DYK* articles, Volume 1 with articles 001-050 and Volume II with articles 051-100.

GUELPH MYSTERY MEDAL

Did You Know; New Series 2022, Volume 1, DYK-001

Did You Know.....that more than 40,000 Canadians fought in the *American Civil War* (1861-1865) most for the Northern Union Army? Canada at that time consisted of southern Ontario and Quebec as well as Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia as well as the British territory controlled by the Hudson's Bay Company.



A reminder of this era came to light in 1997 when a Virginia highway work crew uncovered Civil War relics near the site of the Battle of the Wilderness. An item that was found amongst the relics was a medal engraved "1st Volunteer Rifle Comp. Guelph / Presented by / Capt. Higginbotham / to the / Best Marksman". The reverse side was simply engraved "1858". Without knowing the exact size of the medal it appears to be a silver coin possibly a British crown. The medal was entrusted to the National Firearms Museum in Virginia. The curator of the museum began to contact Civil War enthusiasts in Canada in an effort to find the name of the marksman. An article about finding the medal appeared in the Guelph Mercury on Tuesday, October 31, 2000. This drew some attention. Dan Doyle who was born and grew up in Guelph ran a Civil War website devoted to locating the graves of Civil War veterans. His sister was still living in Guelph. When she saw the article she sent it to Dan who immediately became interested. He searched his files and called his friends and several months later (2002) he was able to solve the mystery. One of the files Doyle had was from Albert Scouten of Ancaster, Ontario. Scouten had sent a grave location and a short biography of his great-greatgrandfather Thomas S. Anderson.

Thomas Smith Anderson was born in Guelph on April 12, 1842, to a farming family in Eramosa. In 1857 Anderson joined the 1st Volunteer Rifles. Anderson left the farm, and went to New York to enlist in the Union Army with the 6th New York Cavalry, Company H on March 4, 1864. On enlistment, he dropped "Anderson" and went with the name Thomas Smith. The Battle of the Wilderness, where the marksman medal was unearthed, took place May 5 and 6, 1864. Union General Ulysses S. Grant challenged Confederate General Robert E. Lee for the first time. The fighting became so ferocious that the thick woods caught fire and by the end of the second day the dead and wounded amounted to almost 30,000 men. Thomas survived this skirmish but eight months later suffered a severe chest wound during a Confederate partisan raid on his Union Battalion at Lovettsville in Loudoun Valley, Virginia on January 18, 1865. He was honorably discharged on August 9, 1865.

1st Volunteer Rifle Comp. Guelph / Presented by / Capt. Higginbotham / to the / Best Marksman

1858

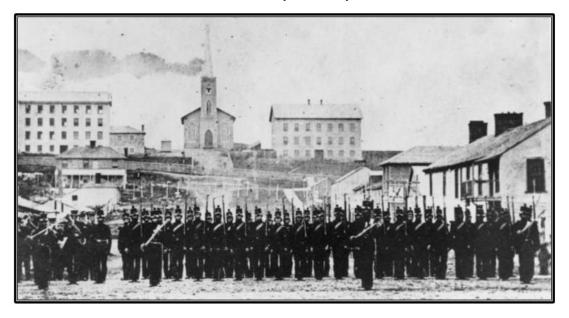






← Kurtz & Allison 1887 print of the Battle of the Wilderness.¹

After his discharge from the Union Army Anderson moved to Lockport, NY, and learned the trade of a baker and confectioner. He stayed for four years before returning to Canada in 1870. Anderson set up shop in Hamilton, Ontario opening a bakery at 156 James St., N and specialized in candy as well as baked goods. Over the next 35 years, Anderson relocated his shop three times but always on James St. N. Around 1905 Anderson began investing in real estate specifically in his own neighbourhood where he lived at 22 Oak Street. Thomas Smith Anderson died at this home on February 13, 1913, and was survived by his wife and seven children. He was 81 years of age and is interred in Hamilton City Cemetery.



1st Volunteer Rifle Company of Guelph. Photo taken on Macdonell Street with St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church (center), the Rectory (left), and the Loretto Convent (right) in background.

This photo, taken October 15, 1857, is one of the earliest photographs taken in Guelph.²

Footnotes:

- Kurtz & Allison were publishers of lithographs during the 1880s that depicted battles of the American Civil War. They were located in Chicago, Illinois.
- 2. Photographer was James Rowe. Image courtesy of Guelph Public Library Archives (C60000-1116).

A Bit of "Mask" Humour

Thank you Bob Fritsch for put some laughter in our bellies and smiles on our faces!







About SWCS March 2nd, 2022 Meeting

We had 14 in attendance for our March meeting. Online zoom: Peter Becker, David Carpenter, Scott Douglas, Rick Dupuis, Robert Fritsch, Wilf Lauber, Brent Mackie, Robb McPherson, John Semedo, Robyn Semedo, Sean Sinclair, Rose Van Sickle, and landline zoom: Judy Blackman. There was a 14th person according to the zoom tab of the meeting, however, the name missed getting recorded. Our apologies to whoever that person was.

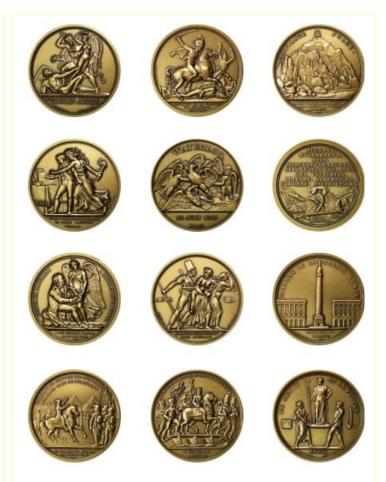
Our speaker was **Robert F. (Bob) Fritsch** who gave a terrific presentation on *La collection impériale, Napoléon I.* which showcased a collection of medals reflecting major events

in the life of Napoléon I Bonaparte (The Little Corporal). The series of modern medals (replicas of original real medals) comprised 24 bronze pieces, each 42mm round, weighing 50g, and with a common reverse of the impériale Napoléonic seal, with the imperial eagle atop a lightning

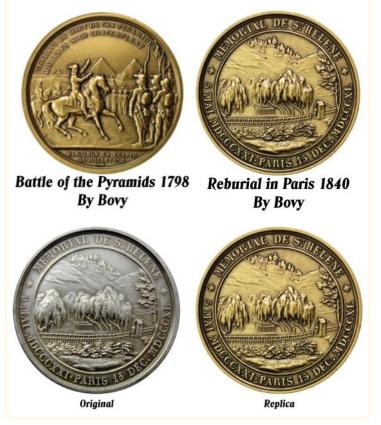


bolt and being crowned in laurel wreath by a winged lady victory. Some reference sources indicate this 1990s set has a cornucopia privy mark of the Monnaie de Paris (*Paris Mint*). Bob was lacking one medal to the set; however, since our meeting, he has acquired the *Battle of Wagram* 1809 (by Galle) piece.





A discussion ensued about the designers, and how Bob first became interested in Bovy medals, with interest in this collection stemming from the two medals based on the original designs by Antoine Bovy: Battle of the Pyramids 1798 and Reburial in Paris 1840.



The discussion moved to architectural medal art and the artists. **Scott Douglas** referenced a St. Paul Cathedral medal from the 1840-1860s Belgium 5-medal set of Jacques Wiener's European Cathedrals. The medals were issued in both English and the rare French version. The images of this set are from forums-collectors.com, member gummibear (joined Dec. 30, 2006, 8:33am).

















The Wyon medallist designed some interesting architectural pieces, such as this one from David Corrick's collection.





The above copper medal is "Opening of the New Council Chamber at the Guildhall", 1884, by J.S. and A.B. Wyon for the Corporation of London, *obv.* interior of the Chamber, *rev.* Londinia, attended by Commerce and Magistracy, addressing her council, 77mm (BHM 3177; E 1705; Welch 19; Taylor 206a). The medal came in its original black case. Before David Corrick, provenance: Bt Seaby November 1986.

There was an agreement on the benefits of cross-pollination in numismatic and philatelic meetings. In referencing Wiener's Cathedral medals, it was confirmed. Wiener designed not only a set of Cathedral medals, but a set of Monument medals, a set of Command Council medals, and a set of Civil and Military Prison architectural medals, as well as many more.

He engraved the first postage stamps issued in Belgium and went on to engrave numerous others. The first Belgian stamps, known as "Epaulettes", was

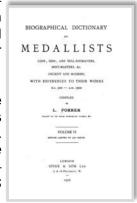




issued 1849.

He was a medal and intaglio engraver, but also he served the last fifteen years of his life as a well-respected and admired community leader (1884-1899).

Let's take a moment to learn more about who Jacques Wiener was during his life span (1815-1899). This information is from the now free ebook (Public Domain) BIOGRAPHICAL DISTIONARY OF MEDALLISTS (SPINK & SON. LTD. 1916). →



Born to Hungarian parents from Presburg (H), Jacques Wiener moved with them at the age of two to Venloo in Dutch Limburg. He was apprenticed to his uncle L. Baruch in Aachen (1828), where he learned drawing and engraving, then in Paris (1835), before moving to Brussels in 1839. His first work commemorated the surrender of the town of Venloo to Holland, following the application of the Treaty of the X-V Articles, in 1839.

He then specialized in engraving civil and religious monuments, in particular the most beautiful churches in the country. His masterpiece remains a collection of more than forty medals of the most remarkable buildings in Europe.

In addition, he was responsible for a number of portraits, including those of William II, Leopold I, Leopold II and Frederick William IV of Prussia, as well as the first Belgian (from 1848) and Dutch postage stamps. Jacques Wiener accompanied the development of Belgian stamps from 1848 to 1864, directing almost all the manufacturing operations. He himself trained his brothers Leopold and Charles in engraving. From 1863 onwards, he was frequently assisted by his brother Leopold, particularly during the period when he almost completely lost his sight. Because of this infirmity, he gave up his art for good in 1874.

After serving as vice-president, he succeeded Joseph Oppenheim as president of the Central Jewish Consistory of Belgium from 1884 to 1899. He had already been elected president of the Brussels Jewish Community in 1879 and held this position until 1883.



The above 69.3mm round bronze medal was issued in 1949 and is titled, "BELGIUM, JACQUES WIENER POST-AGE STAMP ENGRAVER CENTENNIAL OF ISSUE AND SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF DEATH". The obverse design features a left-facing bust of multi-talented Jacques Wiener with inscription around honouring him for designing, engraving and producing first postage stamps of Belgium. The reverse design is an ornate helmet topped shield, inscription around. This medal was designed by Carlos Van Dionant (1899-1969) who was only born in the year of Wiener's death.

Bob mentioned the joy in his Medal Collectors of America (MCA) membership. MCA was founded in 1998 as a club dedicated to the study and collection of artistic and historical medals. MCA issues a quarterly magazine, *The MCA Advisory*, which is an excellent resource. MCA holds two events a year, one

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in the summer at the American Numismatic Association Convention, and the other in the winter at the New York



International Numismatic Convention. Both events includes guest speakers on a wide range of topics related to medal collecting. MCA also issues an annual medal available only to members.

There are awards, video lectures, books by MCA authors, plus paper and video presentations. Both print and digital memberships are available with the option of either ecommerce or postal service to send in your payment (https://www.medalcollectors.org/membership/join).

Sean Sinclair told of an unusual denomination Euro coin commemorating the *Battle of Waterloo*. In It's the first $2\frac{1}{2}$ Euros (Philippe) non-circulating coin minted by La Monnaie royale de Belgique (The Royal Mint of Belgium) to commemorate the bicentenary (1815-2015) of the *Battle of Waterloo* (brass, 11g, 25.5mm, KM#347).









There were three other non-circulating Euro coins issued to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo: €5 silver, non-colorized-Netherlands; €5 silver, colorized-Netherlands; €10 sterling silver, non-colorized-Belgium; and €10 gold, non-colorized-Netherlands.

Sean noted that Belgium defied France in making 70,000 of the €2½ Battle of Waterloo coin. Belgium went with this odd denomination coin after the Paris Mint forced Brussells to scrap 180,000 of €2 coins commemorating Napoléon's final defeat. The Royal Belgium Mint's design of the €2½ bears the Lion's Mound monument at Waterloo and a diagram of the Battle lines on 18 June 1815. Belgium began minting these with more objection from the Paris Mint; however, Belgium managed to skirt the protest using a rule that allows Eurozone countries to unilaterally issue coins if they are in an irregular denomination.

The $\mathfrak{E}2\frac{1}{2}$ coins are usable in Belgian shops, and are sold in special plastic bags price at $\mathfrak{E}6$. Several thousand copies of a silver $\mathfrak{E}10$ coin are sold for $\mathfrak{E}40$ each. Collectors can buy the $\mathfrak{E}2\frac{1}{2}$ coins online at Delcampe (www.delcampe.net).

Bob Fritsch brought up Canadian artist Emily S. Damstra who has so far designed 33 coins for the Royal Canadian Mint and 13 coins and medals for the US Mint. SWCS members know Emily well from her participation at shows,

meetings, and conventions. Bob mentioned Emily designed two (so far) of the 2022 American Women Quarters, the Anna May Wong and the Maya Angelou.





Bob met Emily at the ANA's 2019 World of Money Show where she represented the US Mint in promoting three coins she designed for the Mint: 2019 America Innovation—Georgia Dollar; 2019 America the Beautiful—Idaho Quarter; and 2019 Native American Dollar.

She also designed the US Mint's 1917-2017 Centennial—

Boys Town Silver Commemorative Dollar.



More discussion about 2022 new commemorative Euro coins followed. For Example:

Conversation came around to Putin's efforts to takeover Ukraine as he did with Crimea. Wilf Lauber told a couple pair 2014 commemorative Russian "The Gatherers of Russian Lands: Vladimir Putin and Ramzan Kadyrov 2-pc Set "Crimea Map, Heart of Chechnya silver-plated Jettons—True Patriots" medals (500 were made in a factory in Russia, along a smaller quantity of the gold-plated, and also one Limited Edition 1 kilogram gold set). These are collector items only, they cannot be used as currency.





The Central Bank of the Russian Federation issued two 2019 non-circulating coins and a bank note to mark the "5th Anniversary of the Kremlin's takeover of

Crimea". The 5-ruble "5th Anniversary of the Referendum on the status of Republic of Crimea and federal city of Sevastopol and Crimea's Reunification with Russia (Feb. 20 to Mar. 26, 2014)" coin features The Kerch Strait

Bridge (between the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov) with an outline of the Crimea peninsula annexed by Russian in 2014. Two-million of these coins were struck. The 19km/12 mile Bridge was finished in 2018 (the longest in Europe), and has been a scene of division.



The 10 rubles was issued in 2014 (brass-plated-steel, 5.63g, 22mm x 2.3mm). It features a Map of Crimea, the decorative 1912-built castle the Swallow's Nest (Lastochkino gnezdo). Like the 5 rubles coin above, the denomination side features an olive branch to the left, and an oak branch to the right.



This 2015 100-rubles banknote features the Swallow's Nest castle on one side and scuttled ships in Sevastopol Bay on the other side. A total of 20-million of these notes went into circulation.





Wilf also shared that in January 2022, France began circulating a new 2022 "20th Anniversary of the Euro" €2 coin. The new hexagon-shaped coin features oak and olive branches intended to epitomize strength, wisdom, and nature, with 12 stars of the European Union flag. Thirty-million coins were struck in Paris.



The second 2022 €2 coin is "France: 20 Years of the Euro—Jacques Chirac." This coin is dedicated to the introduction of Euro banknotes and coins into circulation over two decades. The motif of this coin is shared with Jacques Chirac, who presided over the changeover from the Franc to Euro. The obverse show the profile and the name of the president. France is one of the 12 countries where the free circulation of the Euro began. Later, other states would join, until the current list of countries was formed.

Discussion followed on the 2022 Invasion of Ukraine resulting in sanctions which are impacting the value of the Russian ruble, having already lost 40% value (Russian ruble compared to USD). The free fall continues!



Somebody* shared a US 2021 Washington Crossing the Delaware quarter (Cupro-Nickel, 5.67g,24.26mm x 1.75mm, 119-reeded edge). The coin was issued in both BU and Proof finishes. The obverse portrait of George Washington is by John Kennedy, and the mintmark to the right. The reverse design is sculpted by Michael Gaudioso (Medallic Artist) and designed by Benjamin Sowards (Artistic Infusion Program). Sculptor and designer initials are shown on the left (BS) and right (MG) of the design. The design depicts General George Washington commanding his troops through the overnight crossing of the ice-choked Delaware River prior to the Battle of Trenton during the American Revolutionary War. (*Sorry the name missed being recorded.)





NEW CHAPTER ESTABLISHED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BANK NOTE SOCIETY



As of March 11, 2022, the IBNS Ontario Chapter is open for business! Ontario, Canada, is home to many collectors of banknotes, both Canadian and international, as well as a strong community of numismatists generally. Ontario boasts dozens of local numismatic groups as well as multiple regional organizations. With such a critical mass of collectors in Ontario, a local chapter of the International Bank Note Society (IBNS) is overdue. A simple conversation soon led to the founding of the new IBNS Ontario Chapter.

Operated in association with the Waterloo Coin Society, the IBNS Ontario Chapter led by Chapter President Brent W.J. Mackie aims to provide monthly Zoom meetings for interested IBNS members and guests in Ontario. Guests from around the world are always welcome. Through the association with the Waterloo Coin Society, Chapter members will benefit by receiving the WCS Newsletter which will expand by two pages and serve as the Chapter's official publication. Association with WCS will also allow for membership promotions where members of one organization can join the other at a discounted rate. The cooperation between WCS and the IBNS Ontario Chapter will also provide increased publicity for both as well as the IBNS.

Membership in the IBNS Ontario Chapter is FREE for existing IBNS members. If you're not already an IBNS member, join by visiting *theibns.org/join*. To join the chapter, send an email to *ontariochapter@theibns.org* and include your name and IBNS membership number.

The first Zoom meeting of the IBNS Ontario Chapter is scheduled for Thursday March 17 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern. For meeting details, email ontariochapter@theibns.org. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday monthly. Our March meeting will start with some general announcements and news followed by a topical show-and-tell. The theme for our show-and-tell will be "military". You are encouraged to show something from your collection relating in some way to this theme. Of course, any show-and-tell items are always welcome. Our guest speaker will be Michael Zigler with a presentation on Siege Notes from the Boer War and Khartoum. After the presentation, the meeting will remain open for social time. We hope you can join us!

The board of directors for the IBNS Ontario Chapter consists of President Brent W.J. Mackie, Secretary Peter Becker and Directors Ken Brown, Jeff Wilson and Michael Zigler.

For more information about the IBNS, visit *theibns.org*. For more information about the IBNS Ontario Chapter, email *ontariochapter@theibns.org*. For more information about the Waterloo Coin Society, visit *waterloocoinsociety.com*.

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NEW INTERNATIONAL BANK NOTE SOCIETY (IBNS) - ONTARIO CHAPTER INAUGURAL MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2022

Please join the inaugural meeting of this new chapter, as organized by the President, Brent W.J. Mackie (IBNS Life Member 217), who is the contact and can be reached at ontariochapter@theibns.org. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Program: The theme for this month's show and tell is "military". We will have a special presentation on "Siege Notes from the Boer War and Kartoum" by Michael Zigler. We hope you can join us!

The meeting will start at 7:00 pm (Eastern Time), 4:00 pm (Pacific Time). All subsequent meetings will be held on the THIRD Thursday of each month. Upcoming dates: Apr. 21st, May 19th, June 16th, etc.

To join Zoom:

Users can go to https://zoom.us and click JOIN A MEETING in the top right. You can also go directly to https://zoom.us/join and get to the same point.

From here, just enter the following meeting ID and click Join.

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The Zoom app will open up and continue the process.

Alternatively, users can open the Zoom app on their device and click the appropriate button for joining a meeting. Exact details vary by device type (phone, PC, Mac), but the buttons are deliberately made pretty obvious and easy.

The club will try to set up an auction for future meetings.



SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY (SWCS) NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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4	Canada 2013 quarters Artic Expedition half	pack	\$5.00	\$2.50	
5	Canada 2005 mint roll of Terry Fox		\$49.95	\$30.00	
6	6 Newfoundland 1896 20 cents NT2 L96 VF20		\$80.00	\$20.00	
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